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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN MILITARY TRAINING FOR YEMEN

REF: SANAA 0707

1. SANAA RETEL MENTIONED POSSIBILITY ABU DHABI, IN ADDITION TO FINANCING US ARMS SALE TO YAR, WILL HELP YAR WITH RESPECT TO HOPED-FOR EXPANSION JORDANIAN MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO YAR (PROJECTED IN SEPTEMBER (AMMAN 1549) AT \$2 MILLION PER-ANNUM PACKAGE FOR PROVISION OF 250 TEACHERS AND SMALL MILITARY ADVISORY TEAM CONSISTING OF 17 OFFICERS AND 14 ENLISTED MENT).

2. ASSUMING THAT SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NOT OBTAINABLE, FROM OUR VANTAGE WE BELIEVE ABU DHABI WOULD BE MOST FEASIBLE DONOR. ABU DHABI FINANCING OBVIOUSLY PREFERABLE TO FINANCING FROM US-SUPPORTED AND CHRONICALLY DEFICIT-RIDDEN JORDANIAN BUDGET. IN VIEW IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE WE CANNOT THEREFORE ENCOURAGE GOJ TO DEFRAY THESE EXPENSES IN PLACE OF OIL-RICH PENINSULAR STATES. IN POINT OF FACT, JORDANIAN FINANCING SEEMS UNLIKE-

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JORDAN PROGRAM CONTINGENT ON EXTERNAL FINANCING.

2. WITH RESPECT TO USG FINANCING UNDER MAP, WE SEE NO WAY WE CAN PROVIDE FINANCING TO JORDAN FOR JORDANIAN TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN UNDER TERMS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. WE BELIEVE ANY ATTEMPT TO DO SO WOULD RISK ADVERSE CONGRESSIONAL REACTION WHICH COULD IMPACT UNFAVORABLE ON OUR LARGE MAP AND SA PROGRAM FOR JORDAN.

3. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ, WE HAVE POINT-ED TO CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEM AND ENCOURAGED JORDANIANS TO SEEK FUNDS FROM OIL-RICH PENINSULAR STATES. WE HOPE TO REVIEW SITUATION FOLLOWING UPCOMING APRIL 30 VISIT TO AMMAN FROM YAR CHIEF OF STAFF.
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